## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

ELECTIONS – Payment of honorarium to the officers and staff members involved in conduct of general / bye-elections to the State Legislative Assembly / House of People (Lok Sabha) and biennial / bye-elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council – General Guidelines – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 512

<u>Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2013</u> Read:-

From the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Letter No.218/4/98/PLN-IV, dated: 23-06-1998.

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## <u>O R D E R:</u>

Keeping in view of the strenuous efforts being taken in continuous nature of work during conduct of elections to various constitutional bodies i.e., general / bye-elections to the State Legislative Assembly / House of People (Lok Sabha) and biennial elections / bye-elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council by the election staff especially to work irrespective of working hours, some times round the clock including holidays, the Election Commission of India, vide letter read above, has issued general instructions with regard to payment of honorarium to the officers appointed / designated as District Election Officers, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and other staff members for the conduct of General Elections in the State. Based on these instructions honorarium is being paid to the staff / officers, who are directly connected with the elections being conducted in the State of Andhra Pradesh from time to time.

- 2. The issue of payment of honorarium to the officers and staff connected with conduct of elections is examined in detail and it is decided to issue general quidelines on this issue.
- 3. Accordingly, Government hereby issue the following general guidelines for payment of honorarium to the staff and officers involved in conduct of elections to various constitutional bodies through the Election Commission of India viz., general / bye-elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, House of People (Lok Sabha) and biennial / bye-elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council:
  - a) The Payment of honorarium should be strictly to the officers and staff members who are directly connected with the election related work, in the o/o the Chief Electoral Officer and in the districts:
  - b) In case of general elections to House of People (Lok Sabha) or State Legislative Assembly honorarium equal to one month salary be sanctioned to all officers and staff members in General Administration (Elections) Department as well as to the officers and staff members who are directly involved in the entire process of conduct of elections in Districts viz., District Election Officers, District Revenue Officers, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and other election staff i.e., Superintendents, Deputy Tahsildar (Elections), Senior Assistant, Junior Assistant, Typist of Election Wing in the Collectorate, Senior Assistant in Returning Officer's office;

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- c) Honorarium shall not be sanctioned to the officers and staff who are drafted for a limited period / purpose for conduct of poll, counting process i.e., Zonal Officers, Route Officers, Polling Officers, Observers, Micro Observers, Counting Officers etc.;
- d) The District Election Officers shall issue proceedings sanctioning the honorarium to the concerned, who have actually worked against the above mentioned posts and attach a copy of the same to the bill in which the claim is preferred along with a certificate certifying that sanction of honorarium is in accordance with the norms specified by Government and limited to the persons, who actually worked in connection with the conduct of General Elections to the House of the People (Lok Sabha) / the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, against the posts;
- e) In case of biennial elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council / bye-elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council / bye-elections to House of People (Lok Sabha) honorarium equal to 50% (fifty percent) of the salary (i.e., salary for 15 days) may be sanctioned only to the officers and staff members working in General Administration (Elections) Department, but not in districts, subject to condition that the elections shall be conducted at least for a minimum of five seats to be eligible for the honorarium;
- f) These guidelines will be effecting from the conduct of biennial elections to 30 seats of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council in 14 districts during 2011on wards.
- 4. These orders issue with the concurrence of Finance (Expr.GAD-I) Department vide their **U.O.No.9079/488/Expr.GAD-I/2011**, **dated: 11-10-2011**.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHR PRADESH)

BHANWAR LAL
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER & E.O
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

То

All Collectors & District Election Officers in the State

(Except Collector, Hyderabad)

The Special Commissioner, GHMĆ & District Election Officer, Hyderabad Copy to:

The General Administration (Cabinet) Department

w.r.t. their U.O.No.73/2013, dt:10-06-2013.

The Finance (Expr.GAD-I) Department

w.r.t. their U.O.No.9079/488/Expr.GAD-I/2011, dt:11-10-2011.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Hyderabad

The Accountant General, AP., Hyderabad

The Pay and Accounts Officer, AP., Hyderabad

The General Administration (Claims.C) Department. Sf/Sc

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